

WHAT MACON IS DOING.

FORD, OF THE MOORE AFFAIR, ARRESTED.

Caught at Warrenton—Detective Shackleford's Luck—The First Arrest—Mickeljohn Leads a Conspirator—Ford's Fate—A Fine Foot Race.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—It was announced in these columns yesterday that W. G. Ford, included in a list of the Moore mobbers, for whom Governor Gordon has offered a reward of one hundred and fifty dollars, had probably gone to South Carolina. At the time that was written he was in Macon, and the detectives were on his track. He left yesterday evening and got as far as Warrenton, on the Easton branch of the Central railroad.

This morning Lieutenant W. A. Wylie received a telegram from Detective Shackleford. It read:

We have our man. Meet us at the train. Do you apprehend any trouble.

It was sent from Warrenton, where the officers overtook him.

When Shackleford and his brother detective arrived at the depot with Ford, Lieutenant Wylie and a squad of police were there to meet the party. They took a horse and drove to the jail and locked him up. In passing into the jail the party passed through the mob crowd, by which that blood thirsty mob entered on the night of the 12th of August and not by the side door as prisoners are generally carried in. Ford's brother left Macon as soon as the reward appeared, and by this means the detectives gained their clue. They kept close up with him until he got to Mayfield, where Ford got on the train. They saw him when he took a horse and buggy, and procuring another they followed him. All night they were awake, and this morning they arrested the Ford in the road about five miles from Warrenton. Ford was going to take the train for Augusta, and from there he intended to escape to Mt. Airy, S. C. It is said that two others of the indicted men have been spotted and will be arrested. Ford is a young man of probably twenty-three years of age, and has been following the profession of barber for the last few weeks.

FUNNY FOOT RACE.

Two Young Pedestrians Settle a Wager at Midnight.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—At 11:30 last night two gay and giddy young men got to settling of their wagers, and finally decided to settle the question by running a foot race at the park. "I am swift of foot as the wind," said one, "and I can beat you a mile even running."

"Better twenty-five dollars you can't, for I am a runner from 'way back,'" said the other.

So away they went, with a small party of companions to act as judges. The rules were that they should run half way around the track and then run back. They stripped off their socks, undershirts and drawers, and Swift and Strong both took the mark. "All right," asked the judge. "O. K." answered Swift and Strong in a breath and then the judge cried "go." Away they went, running like crippled deer, but there was not room enough in the broad track for them to run side and side, so Strong dropped behind, and crawling over the fence went tearing through Harvey Fennell's orchard toward the half mile post. At the second jump he tumbled into a mud hole up to his knees, but, nothing daunted, he arose and started off again. He reached the post in just thirteen minutes, a good three minutes ahead of Swift, who came tottling along the track at the rate of two miles and three laps an hour.

Following the post Strong dodged back under the fence and stopped to rest. Swift dashed up and touched the post, and then decided to steal a march on Strong, whom he supposed to be far in the rear, and climbing the fence he started across the cat patch. Strong saw his game and by a little circuit avoided the puddle and reached the track a little ahead of the starting point. He got over the fence and came tearing down the track just as Swift reached the fence and started to climb over.

"Hello, there, how the devil did you get here?" cried Swift.

"By the same route that you did," answered Strong, and then both of them sat down in the middle of the track to argue the point, while the judges declared that the race was a tie, from the fact that both of them had been in just thirty-two minutes, thirteen seconds. The clock was telling the hour of midnight, when Strong staggered to his feet and said:

"I say bet off."

"I'm off," answered Swift.

"Both of you are 'way off,'" said the judge, and then they adjourned sine die.

PARADE DAY.

Impressive Ceremonies on the Last Firemen's Day.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—This morning was the first in thirty years that the old firemen of Macon have failed to celebrate. The 15th of April has long been observed with blowing of horns and trundling of bumpers and flower-bedecked fire engines. Crowds of people in holiday attire have been wont to crowd the sidewalks to see the brave fire laddies on dress parade. Often visitors would come from a distance, and there were grand contests of water throwing and foot racing to determine who could first reach the plug, who throw water first and who throw it farthest. After the tournament was over and prizes awarded the festive firemen would retire to their engine houses, and the seductive artillery punch and the huge barrels of lemonade and the egg salad and the ham sandwich, with mustard, were indulged until the day was far spent. Everybody would get full as a goose and not a home till morning, and there were rollicking times generally.

How changed was the scene today, when an aged "honorary member" tottered down to the old stand near Confederate monument, gravely down the sand and bare no more started the race. The boys were not present. Staggered about the city, following their daily avocations, the runners of Nos. one, two, three, four, five and six—hook and ladder, too—hardly thought of the day and the accustomed scenes of gay revelry.

The paid department were lounging about the engine house, smoking ten cent cigars, contented with life and at peace with all mankind. The volunteer department, the pride of Macon, is no more, and the blossoms with which engine and hose cart were wont to be decorated, waste their sweets upon the dusty air.

MRS. DOODY DEAD.

The Mother of the Prominent Dry Goods Men Passes Away.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—This morning Mrs. Julia Doody, widow of William Doody, and mother of James and Andrew Doody, the dry goods men, died after a long and painful illness. She was born in Ireland sixty-two years ago, and came to Savannah in 1839. From that city her husband removed to Macon, where they opened the Floyds house hotel. Mrs. Doody died, and her sons went into business here and have been very successful. Mrs. Doody was a devout member of the Catholic church, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends here and in Savannah. She will be buried in Savannah tomorrow.

COMMON PRUDENCE dictates that prompt attention be given to all Coughs and Colds, if one would avoid the serious risks attendant on Lung or Throat diseases deeply seated. And the common experience of three generations points to Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant as a trusty helpmeet in all Pulmonary or Bronchial troubles, being especially serviceable in loosening phlegm, removing inflammation, and relieving the acute symptoms of asthma and croup.

THE FROST MATTER.

Lieutenant Charlie Wood Goes for the Big Snail.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Your correspondent was misinformed in regard to the withdrawal of the warrant for the arrest of Charles Frost yesterday. Chief Wylie not only ordered his arrest, but sent Lieutenant Charlie Wood, of the police force, to get him.

Lieutenant Wood arrived from Eastman this evening with Frost, who looked very sooty, care-worn and dejected. He was arrested yesterday afternoon while in the hotel, where he had written his wife No. 3. He declined to talk to the officers. The letter he wrote from Abbeville is quite plaintive and he expresses much regret that he left her as he did, claiming that for a week after the morning he told her goodbye, he was unconscious of his actions. When confronted with the letters she had from his other wives, he broke completely down. Chief Wylie telegraphed Mr. Quaterman, at Selma, to know if he would assist in prosecuting Frost. He will be held until evidence is found.

At ten o'clock tonight, Chief Wylie received a telegram from Mr. Quaterman, of Selma, asking him to hold Frost until the receipt of a letter bearing on the matter, which he has forwarded.

THE FORGERY CASE.

Mickeljohn Falls to Secure Ball and is Jailed.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Frank Mickeljohn, charged with forgery, was given a preliminary hearing and bound over to the sum of five hundred dollars. He was allowed to hunt up bondsmen, but his father-in-law and others refused to go bail for him, and he was lodged in jail. The case against him looks black, and he will have but a slim chance of escaping conviction.

The Mickeljohn case grows in interest. It has now developed that the victims are quite numerous. Forged checks amounting to over \$100,000 have been drawn Wednesday and Thursday, indorsed and signed in the same handwriting that the Exchange bank check was, have been brought to light.

Little Emma, the two-year-old daughter of J. H. Mickeljohn, was found this morning apparently hurt at her father's residence on Fourth street.

A CURIOUS COMPLAINT.

A Fine Jersey Killed By An Accumulation of Sand and Nails.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Last Saturday Captain French, Hardeman lost a fine registered Jersey cow, "Hattie Warren," after working hard to save her life. On examining her stomach he found a quantity of sand and nails in a compact mass in the lower stomach. She had evidently taken these articles in with her food, and the accumulation could not be broken up, consequently she died. The nails looked new and bright, probably from being ground by the sand.

A SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Willie Johnson, of the Floyds Rifles, Fired Upon.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Last night the Floyds Rifles marched out to the residence of Mr. Willie Johnson, a popular young member of the company, and fired a grand volley in honor of his recent marriage. After the volley was over the couple was surrounded and the boys were set up to the best to be had in the way of cake and wine and other refreshments.

THE SICK PEOPLE.

Some of Macon's Good Citizens Sick.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Dr. T. A. Chatham was taken ill this morning, and went home to rest and recuperate. His illness is not at all serious.

Clerk of the Court Dan H. Adams has been very ill for several days. He is a little better today.

Park Keeper Harvey Fennell is thought to be a little better today, though he is still very ill.

Patrolman Tom Brown is laid up with measles and inflammatory rheumatism.

QUICKLY MANAGED.

An Artist Weds His Lady Love and Goes On a Tour.

MACON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Yesterday afternoon Professor F. C. Barragans, of Pugh's photographic establishment, drove out to St. Paul's and, having quietly arranged the details previously, was joined by the lady of his choice, Miss Marion Matthews, and the two were made one in a jiffy by the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Roberts, rector of St. Paul's. The newly wedded pair boarded the train for a short honeymoon trip, including Atlanta in the route.

The Razor in Jail.

CEDARTOWN, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—A difficulty over a game of cards today between two negro inmates of Folsom county jail, resulted in a little blood letting. One of the prisoners had secreted a razor, with which he put in some quick work by the way of argument on his adversary. The razor-man recently borrowed a horse which he failed to return, and for which negligence he will be called on to answer at next term of the superior court, and at same time, doubtless, will be given an opportunity to explain his methods of using a razor in jail.

A Fractious Horse.

CONVERS, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—As Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. John Warren were driving home a few days ago in a buggy, the horse became frightened at some one riding a wheelbarrow on the sidewalk, and making a sudden turn to one side, threw both parties out, completely demolishing the buggy. Mr. Warren was bruised but not much hurt. The horse was killed but not much hurt. He had to take his bed. He is able to be up now and is getting along very well.

The Clipping from Darien.

DARIEN, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The steamship Cothstone, 1,467 tons, will carry away 1,300,000 feet of timber from Darien. Thirty thousand cross-ties for northern railroads will be shipped from Darien in the next two months.

Besides the ships loading at Doboy, Sapelo and Union island, five large barks at St. Simons are now being loaded with Darien timber.

The beams around Darien are now crowded with timber.

A Six Thousand Dollar Flame.

THOMASTON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The lint cotton in the picker room at Flint River factory, eight miles southeast of Thomaston, was set on fire yesterday afternoon by some one stepping on a match on the floor. The picker room, the machinery and several bales of cotton were consumed, besides a warehouse and several small buildings. The main factory building was saved. Loss five or six thousand dollars. No insurance.

The Great Drouth.

MONTICELLO, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The month of dry weather has become general and the delay of cotton planting will cause more buying of fertilizer than would have been had the season been more uniform. Many farmers have quit plowing on account of land breaking up cloudy. To regain the lost time they propose to rely on "guano" to hurry up the growth.

Finishing the Church.

ADAMSVILLE, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The new Baptist church will be finished in a week or so. By expending time and money they have built a nice house, which they propose to dedicate in June and be "robbed and ready" for the association that meets here next summer.

A Fragrant Breath and Pearly Teeth.

Are easily attained, and those who fail to avail themselves of the means, should not complain when accused of gross neglect. SOZODONT will speedily eradicate the cause of a foul breath, beautifying and preserving the teeth in the oldest.

THE SAFE BLOWN OPEN.

WHITESBURG VISITED BY BURG-LARS ON THURSDAY.

A Safe Blown Open and Money Extorted—The Postoffice Robbed of Stamps and Money—Banks Set on Fire by the Blast—Expert Burglars—Other News of the State.

WHITESBURG, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—About 2 o'clock Thursday morning some of the citizens of this town were awakened by a noise which, at the time they supposed to be the report of a gun or pistol, but when the morning dawned it was found that the

BURG-LARS HAD VISITED THE TOWN, and had made the store of E. S. Roberts & Co. their headquarters. They bored one of the iron rods in the back window of the store loose, but out of the way and then went into the store through that opening in the window. They then bored a small hole through the top of the large iron safe and poured powder in, so that when it was touched off it

BLEW THE SAFE DOORS OPEN

and clean of the hinges. Then they ransacked the safe, getting \$22 money, order funds \$10 Mrs. A. T. Bond & Co. deposited in the safe, and about \$35 of E. S. Roberts & Co.'s money. They then went into the postoffice and took about five cash of postoffice funds, besides 104 special immediately delivery stamps, 67 ten cent stamps, 100 five cent stamps, 29 five cent, 110 two cent and 101 one cent postage due stamps. In the money order deposit which J. T. Davonport had registered and put in the safe, there was 15 one dollar silver coins and 4 silver half dollars. The dates of the silver coins were as follows: 1858, 71, 75, 76, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 1886; also one national currency bill First National bank of New Bedford, Mass., No. A307310 C \$10 one; National bank of New York, No. B900699 C \$5; and one United States note, No. Z942411 E, \$20.

FURTHER DAMAGE DONE.

The blast made to blow the safe open set on fire and burned up all of Messrs. E. S. Roberts & Co.'s deeds and valuable papers, also his sales book, bill book and one other account book and burned one of the large ledgers pretty badly. They had a lamp burning on the floor by the safe and from that the blast which blew the safe open, set the floor of the storehouse on fire, and when the dawn of the morning came the fire in the store was getting under headway, but was put out by George W. Finney and others, who got into the store through the front door, which had been unlocked from inside and left open by the burglars. Had the thing been done one hour sooner Messrs. E. S. Roberts & Co.'s store, with others, would have been laid in ashes.

A Negro's Rescue.

BETHLE, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—A sensation was created here Monday by Alex. Snow, colored, who came to Mr. J. H. Manry's apparently much excited, and stated that while crossing Pachtola creek at a footway back of Mr. Manry's place, he was seized by two white men with drawn weapons and forced him to give up all the money he had, \$175. At once the news spread, and a party of about thirty, mostly colored, got together and went on a hunt for the robbers, and in less than twenty minutes they had secured the money and by hitching up this tale it would of course give him a good plea for further extension.

Paying Off In Irwin County.

From the Hawkinsville, Ga. Dispatch.

When court adjourned on Thursday the county treasurer, Mr. Jno. Branch, was on hand with a bag of silver dollars, and his seat in front of the court house door and paid off the jurors, bailiffs and others who held county orders. As far back as we can remember, (and we have attended every session of the superior court, from 1871 to the present) the jurors and bailiffs have been paid off at the close of the court. Twelve or thirteen years ago it seemed to us that the county treasurer would take his hat full of money and go around among the citizens and sell each one to take out his per diem, as jurors. They keep up the same old story, as it were.

A Big Family in Danger.

From the Lublin, Ga. Gazette.

Henry Kellam, a negro living on the Walker plantation, was awakened by a dense smoke on Wednesday night, and discovered that his house was in flames. He and his wife and twelve children were sleeping in the house. He hastily aroused his family and all escaped from the burning building except one child, a two year old boy, who was killed by the fire. Henry is a hard working honest negro, and his loss of child and property is a heavy blow to him. The family saved only the clothes in which they were sleeping.

The Polarity of the Needle.

CEDARTOWN, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Judge Smith, of this county, had a peculiar experience the other day. He was running a line for Mr. John Green, and found one spot where the polarity of the needle was entirely neutralized. Fifty yards from the place the needle fell flat upon the face of the compass. He is unable to account for the phenomenon.

An Improvement in Adamsville.

ADAMSVILLE, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The city fathers are building a new sidewalk on Main street to the incorporation line. It appears that they propose to build a very substantial one, and one that will do for the people to remember them by. One thing is true, it is a good thing to have a sidewalk that is all that is true. There is no town for the size that has such streets and sidewalks as ours.

Saw Mills on Fire.

THOMASTON, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The saw mill of Messrs. Dekle & Butler, near Cairo, was burned at 10 o'clock, last Saturday night, together with the stock of lumber. It is supposed that the fire started from a spark from a passing freight train. There was no insurance on either mill or lumber. The mill was but slightly injured, and the plucky owners will rebuild at once.

Received With Joy.

ATHENS, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—The new faculty of the University of Georgia, which had reinstated the second in the late duel which was so happily settled, is received with much joy by the students in general. Everybody is highly pleased that the young men have been reinstated.

DEATHS IN GEORGIA.

Dr. A. C. Murchison, of Danab, is dead.

Mr. William Cox, one of the best old citizens of Walton county, and father of the sheriff of the county, died Thursday.

Dr. W. S. R. Hardman, of Walton county, has been confined to his bed for a month, and is not expected to recover.

Mrs. Curtis Humphries, an aged and highly estimable lady of Screven county, died on Wednesday evening at her home near Back Creek, Ga.

Captain John N. Montgomery, so well and favorably known throughout the state and in our county as a progressive agriculturist, died at his home, near Fort Lamar, Thursday afternoon.

Captain Robert S. Anderson, who died in Hawkinsville recently, was one of the best country gentlemen and valuable citizens, and had been of sincere friends who will long mourn his death. He was for several years past of the county, performing his duties always with singleness of heart and with the most successful results, and by popularity with his comrades, he was finally made captain.

BORSDEN'S ACID PHOSPHATE.

In Weak Stomach and Dyspepsia.

Dr. J. C. W. WALKER, Madison, O., says: "I have used it in many cases of the stomach, dyspepsia, and vomiting in pregnancy, and found it an admirable remedy; also in acute conditions where phosphorus is required."

HAND TRAINING.

Progress of the Oxford, Ga., Technological School.

OXFORD, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Our technological department is not only the pride and pet of its founder, Dr. I. S. Hopkins, but is receiving recognition, and being fostered by others who are equally interested in its success. Senator Payne, of Ohio, has just made a donation of \$1,000 in cash to this department through the influence of Senator Alfred H. Colquitt. No specified use was made of the money. If Senator Payne will come in a short while, with the use of his gift, an will become so enthusiastic over its accomplishments that he will rejoice over having aided such a worthy institution. Under the fostering hands of such men as Senator Payne and Colquitt and Dr. Hopkins, how can this institution do otherwise than prosper? It attracts many visitors who come and marvel at its works.

Among its most recent and noted visitors, are Professor Milton P. Higgins, superintendent of Worcester Technological institute, who is truly at the head of the whole technological business in the United States, and Prof. Alden, professor of engineering of the same institute. These two eminent professors, heartily concurred in declaring that "this department has accomplished the most wonderful results with the amount of money expended, and is in the most prosperous condition of any similar institution in this whole country. Coming from the source it does this assertion has no small meaning."

There are about forty students in this department, and while learning their craft they manufacture engines and other things, which are sold and the proceeds are expended in defraying the expenses of the department.

Dr. Hopkins, in speaking of his "pet," our technological department, among other things said: "We will have no rivalry with the state school. We think it will help us and we know that we will help it. We have our own work to do and are going to do it."

This may all sound like bragging, but if he who doubts will come and inspect our technological department, he will see that "the half has not been told."

THE SOPHOMORES.

The sophomores contested for places today and there are just twenty disappointed sophomores who feel that they did not receive justice. There are thirty-two members in the class and as only twelve places are given, of course some had to be disappointed. After several ballots a decision was reached, and Dr. Hopkins, having announced that the contest was a sharp one, awarded the places to the following young gentlemen: P. D. Cunningham, A. T. O. J. F. Davis, D. T. A. J. W. Duncan, Pat Delta Theta; R. F. Eakes, non est; E. P. Fearn, S. A. E.; J. W. Gillespie, Phi Delta Theta; Willie Griffin, Phi Delta Theta; J. E. Mickler, Phi Delta Theta; Henry Parks, K. A. W. B. Smith, Phi Delta Theta; Charlie Tignor, A. T. O.; and P. J. Williams, Chi Phi.

ANOTHER LIBERAL DONATION.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—Mr. C. T. Simpson, of North Adams, Mass., has been spending some time in our city, gave \$1,000 to the fund for a new Baptist church.

A Call for a State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Interference is the enemy of the home. Home is the center and source of life, and woman is the homekeeper. Whatever, therefore, concerns the home is of vital importance to women. The enemies of home are their enemies, and they are called upon to defend both it and themselves against them.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union is the organized womanhood and motherhood of the land, taking its stand between the passions and the loves, ones that God has given them, and pledging themselves to be true to their God, their homes and their country, and to work with God's help and blessing, till the foe is conquered.

In grateful recognition of Divine blessing upon temperance work throughout our state and land during the past year, they call for their annual state convention of Georgia to meet in Savannah May 10, 11, 12, 13, 1887.

They invite two delegates from every Woman's Temperance society in the state, and other good Christian women who have the temperance cause sufficiently at heart to be willing to enter the work.

The ladies are urged their sisters, from the prohibition convention to come and report the good results following upon the removal of the liquor traffic, and to remain with them in Christian fellowship and help till they, too, shall have passed over into the "goodly land" of prohibition. For there is still much to do in the way of prayer and faith and works. The victory is not complete, nor can it be, till the entire state is free. And they ask most earnestly the help and sympathy and prayers of the good people throughout the state.

If there are those who will materially aid an organization, which has but seldom appealed for assistance, and yet, which has so sorely needed it, they will be stilling its work by sending through P. O. order to our state treasurer, Mrs. Claiborne Snead, Augusta, Ga.

The railroad companies have kindly allowed reduced rates of full fare going and one-third rates returning from convention.

A steamboat excursion to Tybee has also been arranged for the delegates, that they may get a view of the ocean.

Distinguished speakers have been engaged to address the convention, and every arrangement made to have it a success.

Delegates are requested to send in their names as early as possible to Miss M. H. Stokes, secretary, Ga., that they may have their certificates to present when purchasing tickets for Savannah. They are also requested to wear the usual white ribbon bow, that they may be identified upon arrival. Respectfully,

Mrs. W. C. SIBLEY, State President Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Georgia.

Editorial Employment in Hawkinsville.

From the Hawkinsville, Ga. Dispatch.

It has become a popular remark (and one of justifiable pride as well) that Hawkinsville's present crop of "sweet sixteen" is more numerous and comprises more genuine beauty than perhaps ever known. And as remarked by one of the town's married men, who has a boy again, when he takes his stand on a corner these fine afternoons and watches the pretty lasses in the enjoyment of their evening promenades.

The Measles in West Point.

From the LaGrange, Ga. Reporter.

The measles have taken the town. We now hear of them when married men with large families to have them yet. There will no doubt be enough of them to go all around, so don't be afraid you will not get your share.

Suicide of a Wife Murderer.

STURDIS, Cal., April 15.—Michael Keefe, wife murderer, who was to be hanged today, cut his throat with a pocket knife yesterday. He resisted the efforts of physicians to dress the wound and died yesterday afternoon.

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STORIES OF GHOSTS.

Four Hits About Weird Spirits, Real or Imaginary.

From the Omaha World.

The colored people of Piermont, N. Y., have been nearly frightened out of their wits by the queer antics of a visitor from the spirit world. All efforts to capture him have failed and several pistol shots fired at him have produced no effect. The whole town is in a state of considerable excitement.

On a small island near Scotland, there is a quarry called "Gair of Gair." An old legend says that a forryman was hauled on a dark night from the island and went over. He came back after a long absence; after having seen some horrible sights which he never afterwards refused to relate, and soon afterwards he became a monk. When the cry was again heard the monk went over and succeeded in laying the ghost, where it still is.

A small town in England has a spook, whose chief amusement seems to be to throw large stones, bricks and anything he can lay his hands on, at inoffensive pedestrians. He occasionally varies this performance by stealing potatoes. A constable detailed to ferret out his ghostly visitor was shortly afterwards found lying on his back, with his hands tied and his mouth full of cloverseed. A great many people believe to be the work of his satanic majesty, and great excitement prevails throughout the neighborhood.

An old German wood-sawyer, of Galena, Ill., is said to be a victim of superstition more fantastically grounded than that which prevailed in the days of witchcraft. The man is perfectly sane, otherwise and is well educated. He imagines himself to be continually surrounded by witches, and wears a belt filled with chunks of lead to prevent them from flying away with him. He also weighs his soul to such an extent that it is difficult for him to walk. His place of residence is literally filled with bottled toads, lizards and other hideous objects, which are supposed to possess the power of protection from witches.

Judge Kelley's Exuberance.

CEDARTOWN, Ga., April 15.—[Special.]—When Pignion Kelley, was here recently for the purpose of conducting the annual fair, he was asked him during his speech "what do you think of the outlook for this section of Georgia?" He replied, "If I was to give expression to my views as to what really is the possibilities or even the probabilities in the near future of this region of the south, I would be thought to be crazy, and a subject for a lunatic asylum."

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INDICATIONS for Atlanta, taken at 1 o'clock a. m.

Fair; warm. South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee: Fair weather; variable winds; stationary temperature.

A MONUMENT of granite is to be erected on the brow of Cemetery Ridge, in memory of the gallant men who fell in Pickett's charge.

In the opinion of Phillip Brooks Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, and Henry Ward Beecher are the three greatest men America ever produced.

The Courier-Journal is true to the interests of Louisville. In a double-headed editorial it appeals to the people of that city to emulate the spirit and enterprise of Atlanta.

JONES, of Florida, is vindicated at last. It is said that he uttered on the floor of the senate during the last session less nonsense than any other member and that he never voted wrong.

FLORIDA claims a convert in "Pig Iron" Kelley. He has become so enamored of the "land of flowers" that he thinks of retiring from congress to spend the evening of his life amid its orange groves and magnolia forests.

GOVERNOR HILL'S veto of the New York high license bill demonstrates that there are more barons in the republican than in the democratic communities. The democrats are the only true reformers in any direction.

RUSSIA is insidiously but steadily attempting to extend her empire in the east. So far as the subjugation of the eastern dynasties are concerned it is a question between Russian and English despotism. Another question is, which is the worse?

WHILE some of the South American countries are threatening Chicago's meat trade, a rumor comes from southern Europe to the effect that the demand for American wheat may diminish there, because the people are beginning to use largely a bread which is made of chestnuts.

A NUMBER of newspapers are discussing the identity of "Arthur Richmond," who writes the letters to celebrated men in the North American Review. Judging from the character of his productions Arthur is one of the blackguards whom Thordyke Rice met on his last rampage through Europe.

NEW mail boxes are being manufactured under the direction of the post office department. They are intended for the reception of newspapers, pamphlets, and such mail as must now be exposed on the tops of letter boxes. The new boxes will be three feet high and will have an aperture large enough to take a SUNDAY CONSTITUTION.

SENATOR SHERMAN prophesied that a democratic victory would ruin the business interests of the country. The senator recently made \$30,000 on a real estate transaction, and asks now \$125,000 for a piece of property which cost him \$30,000 a year ago. If senator Sherman would only be honest he would confess that a democratic administration is best for us all.

OCCASIONALLY the eye lights upon words in the Boston Herald which sparkle like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Take these for instance:

"There is a report that a secret circular has been sent out to consider what is best to be done to promote the reformation of President Cleveland. Our impression is that the process is very simple. It consists in the politicians letting the people alone."

THE graceful act of Senator Payne, of Ohio, in conveying, through Senator Colquhoun, a gift of \$1,000 to the school of technology at Emory college will not excite surprise. It is a large hearted, large brained, successful man's practical endorsement of a movement that looks to the highest prosperity of the whole country, and the south particularly. It is pleasant to see state and sectional lines thus liberally ignored.

COLUMBIA college has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Mayor Hewitt, of New York. This misused title is seldom so justly awarded. Mayor Hewitt is a man of liberal culture and rare attainments. With these he combines a high degree of practical sense, untiring energy, and first rate executive capacity. Though he has been almost an invalid for years he has been constantly an ardent student and an unrelenting worker in many directions.

THE American navy has at last achieved a victory. One of its greatest ships accidentally bombarded a Japanese vessel a few days ago. The village did not mind the sport, but one of the American ships which fell within its borders was found by curious Japanese philosopher who cracked with a hammer. The shell exploded and killed the Japanese. This victory wipes out the shame of that famous combat in New York harbor in which the flag ship of United States fleet was chased down and most sunk by a vicious ferry-boat.

THE New York Sun has the following editorial which meets the hearty approbation of THE CONSTITUTION:

"One of the new journals of the south whose advent is worthy of special record is the Hot Blast, published at Anniston, Alabama. Anniston is a city of the Courier-Journal, to be 'not least' by the coming cities of the iron belt." The editor is Mr. James R. Randall, author of "Maryland," a famous song of the civil war. Now he is a journalist of a reunited country, a promoter of the great boom of productive industry. This southern iron belt is a great thing. It will fill the south with prosperity. It extends

into Kentucky, and it will knock the spots out of the idea of a tariff for revenue only. What help will it be to the democracy if it is needless to say. We present our warmest compliments to our new, important, and esteemed contemporary, the Hot Blast. Long may it blow!"

True Reform.

In a recent editorial on the disposition of federal patronage, the New York Times unintentionally exposes the weakness of its own cherished civil service theories. The Times appeals to the president to remove all inefficient and intractable officials. It then makes a plea for non-partisan appointments. But the case it makes is entirely given away in its statement that it is a source of mischief to the public welfare that there should be continued in the public service persons hostile to the administration, "opposed to its purposes and reform and to the principles upon which it rests." A better argument against the civil service ideas of the Times could not be framed than that which it has thus uttered. If it is wrong to have in office persons who are hostile to the policy of the administration, it is also wrong, though in a less degree, to retain those who are utterly indifferent to that policy. This administration is democratic. It was brought into existence by the popular desire that the government should be reformed and controlled by the democratic party. The administration needs all the honest, earnest democratic officials it can place in office.

There are certain restrictions imposed by the civil service law as it now stands which the president is bound to respect. He has obeyed the law, as he should have done. But the people of neither party in this country believe in non-partisan appointments. The civil service law was never popular and never will be. The Times would go further even than this law goes, and would establish a general practice of non-partisan appointments for all offices. There is no danger that such restrictive policies will ever prevail in this country. The most honest political philosophy we know of is one which draws square issues, fights open battles, and pledges parties to stand or fall on the records they make in administrations which are controlled by their friends and adherents.

Somewhat Seasonable.

The New York Herald's prediction that our warm wave would go to Europe this week may have been verified, but it must be an uncommonly stretching wave, for it has reached Europe it certainly has not left us.

With the exception of an occasional spurt of polarity, the warm wave will sweep the field from this time on. We do not look for anything tropical, nothing out of the usual order of things, but simply the usual dazle and shimmer of caloric, just the regular average of swelt and melt, only this and nothing more.

Our wide-awake contemporaries on the gulf and seaboard take this view of the situation, and are beginning to air their sanitary wisdom.

It is time for it. The yellow fever has skipped its favorite haunts in this country just long enough to cause a vague dread that it will reappear this summer. Then, despite the conflicting reports, it is settled that the cholera is still in South America, and marching northward.

Perhaps the early warm wave is a good thing. It reminds us that it is time to put our houses in order, and there should be a general hurly burly of lime and whitewash and carbolic acid. Board of health picnics are now in order, and if any able citizen desires to be heard on the question of quarantine regulations, the opportunity is tempting.

There is nothing gloomy in the outlook. If we do not invite pestilence, the probability is that it will pass us by.

Helping the Party.

There is considerable significance in at least three recent elections. Rhode Island has elected a democratic governor and legislature, and Cincinnati and Chicago have elected republicans to administer their affairs.

In Rhode Island the honest republicans joined with the democrats in administering a deserved rebuke to party corruption. The republican bosses of Rhode Island have been for years the most notorious corruptors in the country, and they persisted in their course until the honest republicans were compelled to administer the most crushing rebuke.

In Cincinnati and Chicago the honest democrats joined with the republicans in securing city governments that will inaugurate such administrative reforms as will promote the best interests of the people. Particularly in this case the case in Chicago, where Carter Harrisonism, so to speak, had come to be regarded as democracy. The democrats of that city never did a better day's work in their lives than when they showed their independence of this humbug and their abhorrence of his dirty methods.

They have not hurt, but helped, the democratic party, and this fact will make itself apparent in due time.

More About Civil Service Reform.

The New York Sun, the Courier-Journal, and other newspapers which have been more or less irritated by the policy of the president with respect to the civil service reform laws, are now trying their best to show that the democratic platform is no warrant for this policy, because it confines itself to this announcement: "We favor an honest civil service reform."

Well, this is briefer than the allusion to the same subject in the republican platform, but it is pretty strong after all. We believe the law which the president is trying to carry out is a humbug, but we know that the democratic congressmen are responsible for it. The platform endorsement is strong, but the president would be compelled to carry out the law, even if the subject of civil service reform were not mentioned in the platform.

He is engaged in carrying out the law honestly and conscientiously, and if it wrings the withers of those democrats who want "patronage" they should hasten to repeal it. Abuse of Mr. Cleveland will not do it. The people in all sections of the country are satisfied with his administration, and we hear few criticisms from them.

With respect to those appointments not affected by the law, we are of the opinion that Mr. Cleveland will find it to the interest of the whole country, as well as the democratic party, to fill the offices with men who sympathize with his administration.

tion. An honest and efficient democrat is a natural born reformer.

THE baseball season opens with great activity. Atlanta is happy because she feels that she will not have her feelings wounded by the irresponsible umpires.

THE sultan of Morocco has stopped smoking in his dominions by ordering the lips of those who offend to be cut off. Some such law will probably be passed in this country before many years.

THE Western Union is feeling more stock. It seems that there is something congenial about water and electricity.

THE prisoners in the Massachusetts penitentiary recently engaged in a mutiny because the authorities insisted on feeding them on baked beans. The prisoners are right. There is nothing in the literature of penal institutions worse than this attempt to engraft Boston habits on men who may be said to be comparatively innocent.

THE reses that attempted to blossom early in the spring, trallalally, were compelled to shake hands with J. Frost. The result is, they are blooming dubiously, very dubiously.

ALL the symptoms go to show that the Driving Park association will be compelled to purchase a very large strip of territory in order to give the members room.

A CINCINNATI sculptor has been knighted by the king of Italy. The truth is a great many Cincinnati artists are benighted.

PERSONS AND THINGS.

INVENTOR EDISON has become greatly surprised by his open-air bath in Florida. He goes around with a white shirt, dark trousers and a jaunty tie.

RAS ALULA, the general of King John of Abyssinia, never laughs, and horsewhips his servants if there is the slightest delay in the execution of his orders.

TWO sisters of George W. Cable, the novelist, have moved to North Hampton in order to be near their brother to whom they are devoted. They support themselves by keeping a boarding house.

A YOUNG widow recently went from Missouri to Potter county, Ark., entirely alone and in charge of a large number of horses, cattle, farming tools and household goods. She will go to farming.

KAISER WILHELM has greatly disappointed at not being asked to a recent party given by Count Radolinsky, at which his granddaughter, Princess Victoria, appeared in the guise of "Yum-Yum."

ACCORDING to a correspondent, Mrs. Cleveland recently told one of her friends that so many babies have been named after the president that he says he is afraid that in twenty years the penitentiaries will be full of Grover Cleveland.

ECHOES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Talk on Napoleon. N. R. H. LaGrange, Ga.: Will you please tell me where I can get Mr. Taine's essay on Napoleon? It is in the New York Sun's Sunday editions of April 3 and 10. Any news agent will get them for you.

The Apostles. J. C. A., Napoleon, Ark.: How did the apostles die? The following brief history of the fate of the apostles may be new to those whose reading has not been evangelized:

St. Matthew is supposed to have suffered martyrdom at a sword in the city of Ethiopia. St. Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria, in Egypt, until he expired. St. Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece. St. John was put into a caldron of boiling oil in Rome and escaped death. He afterwards died a natural death at Ephesus, in Asia. St. James the Less was beheaded at Jerusalem. St. James the Greater was thrown from a pinnacle or wing of the temple, and then beaten to death with a fuller's club. St. Philip was hanged up against a pillar at Hierapolis, a city of Phrygia. St. Bartholomew was flayed alive by the command of a barbarous king. St. Andrew was bound to a cross, whence he preached until the people until he expired. St. Thomas was killed by a spear with a lance at Comorand in the East Indies. St. Jude was shot to death with arrows. St. Simon Zealot was crucified in Persia. St. Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded. St. Barnabas was stoned to death by the Jews at Salamis. St. Paul was beheaded at Rome by the tyrant Nero.

BLATT'S CANNON BALL FEAT.

An Astonishing Performance by an Athlete of a Roof.

C. P. Blatt, at the Police Gazette office yesterday, raised the 350-pound dumb-bell three times, a feat heretofore only performed by the "Japs." Mr. Blatt and a number of sporting men then went to the roof of the building, where such here cannon stood. A twenty five pound ball was used.

At 10:15 a. m. the distance, twenty-five feet, was carefully measured. Blatt took his stand at one end of the line and William E. Harding, sporting editor of the Gazette, took charge of the cannon. "One, two, three, fire." There was a loud report that shook the building, a puff of smoke, and the ball bounded into the air and struck the roof. It did not catch it, however. The force of the shock carried him around, and his foot catching in the flooring, Blatt and ball were rolling in the dust. The second and third fingers of his left hand were almost broken, the blood running down from two deep wounds.

"I'll catch that ball today if I lose my head," shouted Blatt. He put an extra charge into the cannon and everything was again in readiness. "One, two, three, fire!" A report louder than the first followed and the ball fell with alarming velocity in a bee line for Blatt's head. He stopped the ball firmly with his right hand and held it there with his left, and then he had time to hiss.

The velocity of the ball was so great that it carried him a distance of nearly twenty feet, spinning around and bringing up with a bang against the wall.

Florida Fruit. Florida Letter to the Cleveland Leader.

In this region, also, coconuts and pineapples are grown, and the coconut industry is being largely cultivated in south Florida. Pineapples are raised very well. Ten thousand pineapples can be raised, it is said, to the acre, and an acre of ground will support fifty coconut trees. The coconut trees require little cultivation. They begin to bear at from nine to twelve years of age, and they produce from 50 to 150 nuts to the tree. Coconuts bring about five cents apiece to the grower, and, and supposing a ten-acre grove will yield 20,000 nuts, it will bring in an income of \$1,000 a year. There have been many coconut groves planted within the last two or three years in south Florida. Mr. Field, of Middletown, N. J., has about 300,000 trees. They are planted twenty feet apart each way on a strip of land in Dade county, near the Atlantic ocean. Mr. Field thinks that the ground along the ocean is the best for the coconut.

In Monroe county there are also some groves, and at Charlotte Harbor, on the Gulf of Mexico, there are trees which produce 50 and more nuts apiece annually. There are 25,000 trees now in Monroe county, of which 50,000 were set out last year. Florida grew about 100,000 coconuts last year, and the day may come when it will supply the United States the most of its tropical fruits. General Grant said that Florida was capable of supplying the tropical fruits now used in the United States and all of the \$100,000,000 worth of sugar now imported, and in his opinion it afforded the best opening in the world for young men of small means and great industry. I think this is true to a certain extent. But the pioneer needs more capital to begin his life here than in the western states. Orange growing and coconut planting require time before they begin to yield a profit, but when the profit does come it amply compensates the few years of waiting.

An Island with Nineteen Families.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

The islanders of Tristan d'Aeunha, although isolated in the south Atlantic, have received the distinction of having a blue book devoted to them and their concerns. According to the latest report there are now on the island nineteen families, comprising ninety-seven souls, namely: A god man, three aged women, five men twenty years of age and over, eleven boys from fourteen to twenty years of age, nine married women, three widows, with large families, sixteen girls over fourteen years of age, and a number of under fourteen years of age, thirty of both sexes; total, ninety-seven. Some time since they sustained a disastrous loss, the whole boat in which fifteen of their men put to sea to intercept a passing vessel being lost, and every one on board drowned. Reduced in numbers in this way, they have been put to great straits. A plague of rats have also invaded the island, and done great destruction to the potato crop. The vermin landed from a shipwrecked vessel which came ashore on the coast. The government has considered the question of conveying the islanders to the cape of Australia, but in the meantime they have contented themselves with constructing a ship of war to pay an annual visit to the island. The islanders have accepted a republican fashion, but they regard themselves as under the English crown. Peter W. Green, who was shipwrecked on the island about fifty years ago, is at the head of the community.

Over 115 Years Old. From the Iowa State Register.

In conversation with Mr. J. M. Griffith, of this city, yesterday, he related the following interesting story of an old lady, probably the oldest in the state, who lives about two miles east of Adel, in Dallas county. "Not long since I saw an item in the Register regarding old people and old settlers in this county, and it reminded me of old Mrs. Bolotte, now living near Adel, in Dallas county. Her exact age is not known, but the family have dates and facts that make her over 115 years old, though just how much over is not known. She says she can remember seeing Washington when he passed through her native town, Charleston, South Carolina, when he was going to be inaugurated for the first time. She says that her first boy was old enough to be a soldier when Washington was in the city, and that she would not have been a child when he was in the city. There seems to be some little confusion as to her exact age, but there can be no doubt as to her being very old, and probably the oldest person living in the state. She came to Iowa with her son, Mr. John Miller, in 1848, settling first near Carlisle, in this county. The following year they moved into Dallas county where they still live. Mr. Miller was the first white man to settle in Dallas county, and they have lived to see the most wonderful changes that have ever come to any country in the same number of years."

A Dramatic Scene.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The scene in which Gray was first confronted with the charge of embezzlement, as recently described, must have been a dramatic one. Several of the directors, suspecting something wrong, came to the scene and found Gray before them. When he appeared he was charged with the crime, and, fully appreciating that further concealment was useless, he with perfect calmness acknowledged his fault. For more than an hour he sat perfectly motionless, his eyes fixed out of the window, answering the numerous questions put to him with perfect openness and without demur. Some of the directors were for arresting him on the spot; others, moved, no doubt, by natural reluctance to proceed so abruptly against an old acquaintance and friend, prevailed upon their associates to let him go for the time being. The matter was discussed with much earnestness, almost within hearing of the criminal; and when at length he was told that he might go, asked if he would be watched. He was assured that he was as free at that moment as he had ever been in his life.

Red Men With Sky-Blue Eyes.

From the Washington Star.

Along the Red river valley is to be found one of the most curious populations to be found anywhere in the world. I refer to the half and quarter breeds, the descendants of the Scotchmen who came to this country in the days of the Hudson Bay company, and the Indian wives they present a peculiar combination of the Scotch and Indian types, the dark skin and high cheek bones of the Indian, with the light hair and blue eyes of the catchman. Physically they are a splendid race, being like tall and muscular men, and are the best and most enduring runners I ever saw, traveling hundreds of miles through the woods in the dead of winter with incredible rapidity. All speak French, but the broad Scotch burr is perceptible in their pronunciation, making the language a most remarkable one. They are famous hunters and trappers, and when not drunk, very peaceable. They took no part in the recent uprising in the northwest, as they have no alliances with the French half breeds or Indians, but form a little community by themselves. As voyagers they are unequalled and are the happiest beings I ever saw. They do not take kindly to life in villages or towns and are fast moving away before the advance of civilization, but I feel that those who take their places will not have their virtues.

No Boors Like Those of Foreign Birth.

From the Albany Journal.

Miss Florence Maynard bears this unmistakable testimony to the politeness of Americans: "There is no gentleman like an American man. However hurried a man may be he does not shove a woman into the gutter to make room for himself, nor does he stare rudely in her face as if he were a blind man, nor makes remarks on her appearance or her dress. There is no such boor in the world as the middle class Englishman, and some of the members of the so-called 'upper class' are not free from this species of intolerance. No man in this country passes a woman in the passage without raising his hat until she is out of sight. Americans in the street will hold a shop door open for you, or pick up anything you may let fall, and a workman one day seeing my carrying a heavy hand saw on the street, my way platform put down his own basket of tools and relieved me of the burden."

Shakespeare Modernized.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star.

What place-worm is a man! There is no virtue like audacity. Lead every man there ear but few thine umbrells.

Small cheer, and great wealth, makes a merry feast. I see, the jewel, best enamelled, will lose his beauty; for he is snide.

Though authority be a stubborn bear yet he is led by the nose with boodle. Some grief shows much of love; but much of grief shows still some want of style.

In the Man who Tells the Story.

From the New York Sun.

A farmer in Greensboro, Md., thinking to change his grade of potatoes, barreled all that he had, shipped them to Baltimore, and ordered a few barrels of extra fine northern potatoes for seed. While barreling his own tubers he lost his spectacles. When he received his northern seed potatoes he found his missing spectacles in one of the barrels. Such things destroy confidence.

A Walter who was Tipped—Over.

From the New York Graphic Translation.

At the cafe: "Carson, take back this beer, it is muddy." "Monsieur is mistaken," replied the other, calmly. "It is only the glass that is dirty, the beer is very good. Taste it and see."

Dele the Death Chilli.

From the Detroit Free Press.

A Boston doctor says that the spare bell in the farmhouse has been blown for two thirds of the cases of rheumatism and the deaths by consumption. A death chill lurks under the sheets.

No Wonder Salads are Lively.

From the Irap Free Press.

It has been found that a lobster produces 420 young per year. The man who supposed that a lobster had nothing to do but gad around on the beach was sadly mistaken.

Two M. D.'s.

From the Lowell Courier.

It is a paradox that of all shoes a felt shoe is the least fit.

BOOKS AND BOOKISHNESS.

Why It is That Bookish People Do Not Make Great Books.

From the Spectator.

A bookish people do not make great books. The Germans are, we suppose, the most bookish people in the world, and though they make magnificent encyclopedias, the most learned of disquisitions and scientific treatises beyond all praise; though they edit classics as few but German scholars ever edited them; though they master the principles of comparative grammar and exhaust the powers which can be taken on the philosophy of history and treat "the categories" of all things nameable with a thoroughness that both bewilders and enraptures less masterly logicians; yet you certainly can not say that they have a literature to compare with the English. And the reason is, as we believe, simply this—that a bookish people can not produce the greatest books; if we mean by the greatest books something more than monuments of investigation or learning—namely, living powers, powers that stir the heart, books whose words have, as Luther, the most unbookish of men, called it, "hands and feet" that can wring us in their living grasp.

That is where Homer beats even the tragedians of the great Athenian age; he was not bookish, but for that very reason wrote a book that had the life of a whole world in it, while Euripides, Sophocles, and possibly even Aeschylus were in a sense bookish men, a man who had lived on books and whose imagination was schooled even more by books than by actual contact with life. But where would Milton stand beside Shakespeare, who is the most unbookish man that ever wrote great books? The greatest of the English poets, very inadequately described even in Milton's own beautiful phrase, when he contrasted "Johnson's learned sock" with the delights to be experienced when—

—Sweetest Shakespeare, Fancy's child,

Wakes his native woodlands among the shrubs, and he would believe we might say that though there would always be a field for highly cultivated genius—for instance for a student's poet, like Milton, or Herbert, or Henry Vaughan, or Wordsworth—who had in him, however, the strength of the hardy shepherd and mountaineer, or Coleridge, or Keats, or Tennyson, or Matthew Arnold—the man who will make the great popular books of the world, the books which dominate the unbookish, will always be felt chiefly on first-hand experience of men and things, and only by accident, as it were, on literary studies.

May Agnes Fleming's Success.

From the Philadelphia Press.

May Agnes Fleming, who died a year ago, left a fortune over which a fight has just arisen in the courts. She was a writer of stories for one of the cheap papers. I asked a publisher in that field how, when fiction is so plenty, Mrs. Fleming had accumulated wealth. "Principally by making a study of the ways of rich and fashionable folks," was his reply. "She took the pains to learn accurately and fully how women in the best society behaved, and she made her small heroines conform thereto. In that way she produced imaginary ladies who were true to realism. She kept them right up to the times. I have even known her, in recasting one of her old stories for fresh publication, to alter not only the costumes of the heroines, but to change her hero's manner to suit new usages of society. Some of her readers may not have appreciated this, but the editors did, and it vastly enhanced her in their estimation and boomed her along to popularity."

"And how much pay did she get?"

"At the time of her death she was under contract to write ten stories for \$75,000. They were to be produced at the rate of two a year, thus making her income \$15,000 per annum."

Grasshopper Sam and Big Mike.

From the Chicago Herald.

It took place several years ago and was about as funny as any I ever witnessed. Grasshopper Sam went, much to the disgust of the old school boys, and he was about as slim as an eel. Big Mike was as big as John L. Sullivan. His hands looked like hams and when he hit anybody good and hard it was good-night and happy dreams. The two fellows got together in the back room of a store in this neighborhood and saluted in, hammer and tongs. It wasn't long before Big Mike got on a clip on the Grasshopper's jaw that made the little fellow's eyes roll. Everybody expected to see Sam fall, but he didn't. He dropped his hands, yanked a big knife out of his pocket and started for Big Mike. The latter made a bolt for the door, his eyes hanging out on his cheeks and the sweat running off his big chops in streams. As the two fighters rushed toward the store, with the Grasshopper jabbing Big Mike at every jump, one of the spectators, who was leaning against the bar, yelled out:

"Go it, Sammy; you'll soon whittle him down to your size."

Failures for the Week.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Business failures throughout the country for the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency today, by telegraph, number for the United States 146, for Canada 29; total 175, as compared with a total of 223 last week, 253 the week previous, and 282 the corresponding week last year. The casualties are on a decline in every section of the country. In New York city there were only two insignificant suspensions this week.

Died in Jail.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 15.—[Special.]—James Williams was convicted of arson at the present term of the city court for burning a building on Gunter's plantation, on the Alabama river, and was sent to the penitentiary Monday last. Tuesday he was stricken with pneumonia and died in jail this morning.

Death of the Oldest Engineer.

MOBILE, Ala., April 15.—Henry Immer, the oldest locomotive engineer in the United States, died Thursday at Whistler, Ala. He ran the first engine over the Charleston and Hamburg road, the third railroad built in this country. The drivers of the engine were of hard wood.

Parnell to Visit Ireland.

LONDON, April 15.—Mr. Parnell will visit Ireland after the division is held in the house of commons on the second

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EVENTS FOR TODAY.

THE OPERA HOUSE—CORA VAN TASSEL AT MATINEE AND TONIGHT.

THROUGH THE CITY.

COMMISSIONER.—The adjutant general yesterday issued a commission to A. H. Hutchinson as junior second lieutenant of the Hancock guard, of Sparta.

ALABAMA CORPUS.—Yesterday a habeas corpus writ was used out before Ordinary Calhoun, Young Foster, colored, for Er Lawrie for possession of John Foster, colored.

NOTARIES PUBLIC COMMISSIONED.—The following persons were yesterday commissioned as notaries public for Ware county: Banner H. Thomas, 1404th district; Charles Cowart, 1250th district; and James W. Strickland, 1374th district.

WARD OFFERED.—Upon representations made to Governor Gordon, he on yesterday authorized the offer of a reward of \$150 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Pulaski county of Ben. F. Williams, who is wanted there to answer the charge of forgery.

A SUIT FOR DIVORCE.—Yesterday James T. Wilson filed a suit for divorce from his wife, Mary Wilson. They were married in 1872 and lived together until 1875. The husband states that the wife then deserted him without cause. As she has never come back to him he wants a divorce.

MR. ROGAN DEAD.—Mr. Larry Rogan, one of Atlanta's oldest and best known citizens, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his sister, Mrs. M. J. Gilbert, No. 100 Walton street. Mr. Rogan's death was due to heart disease. For some time past he has been in poor health, but his death was decidedly unexpected.

THE GOSPEL TENT.—The gospel tent meeting, now in progress on the corner of Peachtree and the Boulevard, has opened with a grand promise. The tent was filled to overflowing last night, and about twenty persons converted. The day meetings are highly interesting. The Salvation Army meet at the tent every morning. Hours of service, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

READY FOR WORK.—It will be seen from an advertisement elsewhere that the Georgia Improvement company is now ready to receive bids for the building of seventy miles of the Atlanta and Hawkinsville railroad, between Atlanta and Fort Valley. The company is now in the hands of the Georgia Improvement company, which is pushing the work, and its ability to pay ready cash, makes this an investment of special interest to railroad contractors.

THE LUTHERAN FAIR.—A large crowd attended the fair again last night. Mrs. Ehlers, Mrs. Berlin and Mrs. Bender have done all to make the evening pleasant. Among the most popular young ladies last night were Miss Ben. Jensen, Miss Sophia Lynch, Miss Hattie Wetzel and Miss Van Houten. The dancing was much enjoyed. The raising of several articles will take place tonight, for which the dancing will continue as on the previous evenings.

THE SALVATION BARRACKS.—The Salvation Army will certainly succeed in building a barracks in Atlanta. At the meeting last night a big impetus was given the proposition, and the money will, in all probability, be raised. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one, and before it was over trustees had been elected, and an attorney had been instructed to apply to the superior court for a charter for the barracks of trustees. J. L. Findley, G. T. Dodd, W. A. Moore, W. P. Ingram, L. P. Grant, B. W. Hawthorne and George Huse.

A WIND STORM.—Quite a brisk wind sprang up from the west yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock, sweeping up the dust from the streets in a beautiful and distributing it in the eyes, noses and mouths of pedestrians, and blowing all their things. The wind increased in velocity up to noon when it was blowing at the rate of twenty miles per hour. Clouds began to gather about 1 o'clock, and indications pointed to a shower, but a few scattering drops had fallen the clouds dispersed, causing general regret. The probability is, however, that within a few days a change in the weather will take place, and the much needed rain will arrive.

THROWN FROM A BUGGY.—Mrs. Irene Clark, residing at 174 1/2 street, was thrown from a buggy and severely hurt yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Clark had been driving with her son, who was driving at a fast rate, when the horse started to rear. The lady was thrown violently to the ground and was knocked senseless. Her son, who was driving, was aided by others, carried the lady into the house and sent for a physician. Dr. Goodman responded and soon restored the lady to consciousness. In ascertaining the extent of Mrs. Clark's injuries, the doctor found a dislocated shoulder and a small scalp wound.

THE BODY RECOVERED.—Mrs. Siddle Waller told Mrs. L. M. Palmer, attorney for petitioners, that she had seen the body of her son, C. W. Waller, who had been recovered from the river. Mrs. Waller was working on the Georgia river, and was crossing the river in a skiff when she was thrown out and drowned. Every effort was made to recover the body at the time. The river was dragged and the body was recovered. The body was then taken to the morgue and was buried yesterday afternoon.

PLACED IN POSITION.—About 4:30 yesterday afternoon the first of the six columns which are to support the roof of the portion of the new capitol was raised and placed in position. The work was performed under the personal supervision of Mr. C. D. Horn, one of the contractors. All of the preliminaries had been carefully attended to, and when the word was given the huge stone, weighing nearly a ton, was raised for the first time to a perpendicular position, and its base rested upon a cushion of sand and shavings. The engine was again started and the column raised easily to a proper height, when the guy ropes of the derrick were released, swinging it directly over the base, upon which it was lowered. Another column will be raised this morning, and within three or four days the entire six will be in position. The work is very interesting and attracted quite a crowd yesterday afternoon. Many persons spent several hours on the ground yesterday waiting for the operation.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH MEETINGS.—Yesterday afternoon prayer meeting and night service were among the best meetings that have been held at the Second Baptist church during the present series of meetings. The attendance was large and all the services were characterized by a deep spiritual interest which seemed to pervade the entire congregation. When the opportunity was given to the congregation to speak a word, it was promptly responded to by large numbers in rapid succession, and in a very earnest and impressive manner. Those who failed to hear Mr. Miller's sermon, last night, missed a spiritual feast. His preaching was more than a sermon, it was a message to all who hear him. There is great good growing out of these meetings, which is daily enlarging its influence, in the salvation of sinners and awakening to greater activity in all the duties of the Christian life.

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THE AGRICULTURISTS.

AN INTERSTATE CONVENTION DETERMINED UPON.

As a result of the Preliminary Conference held in Atlanta yesterday—The Third Tuesday in August Fixed Upon as the date for holding it—Ten Cotton States to Participate.

The preliminary conference suggested by Hon. J. T. Henderson, commissioner of agriculture, some two weeks ago, to consider the expediency of inaugurating an interstate convention of representative agriculturists from the cotton states, met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the senate chamber, in this city. The attendance was such as to be extremely gratifying to those interested in the movement. Among those present were:

Governor John B. Gordon, Hon. J. T. Henderson, commissioner of agriculture, Samuel Barnett, of Wilkes; W. L. Peck, of Rockdale; D. B. Harrell, of Webster; W. H. Pelton, of Macon; John A. Cobb, of Sumter; G. W. Jordan, of Wilkes; Brown, of Pulaski; A. C. Greer, of Bibb; J. O. Waddell, of Polk; L. F. Livingston, of Newton; J. B. Jones, of Burke; Primus W. Jones, of Kennesaw; G. H. Fluke, of DeKalb; A. B. Candler, of Hall; W. A. Stewart, of Henry; J. Y. Carmichael, of Coweta; G. W. Benson, of Cobb; R. W. Everett, of Polk; G. H. Smith and I. O. McDaniel, of Bartow.

Commissioner Henderson called the meeting to order, and upon motion of Colonel John O. Waddell, of Polk county, Governor John B. Gordon was elected president. On taking the chair Governor Gordon, in a few words, expressed his high sense of the honor conferred upon him, and extended a hearty welcome to the members present.

On motion of Hon. D. B. Harrell, of Webster, Hon. A. P. Butler, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina, and Colonel D. P. Duncan and J. M. Waddell, of Spartanburg, S. C., who were present, were invited to participate in the proceedings of the conference.

Commissioner Henderson, being called on to state the objects of the conference was called to the front. He said:

Gentlemen of the Preliminary Conference: You are here in response to an invitation which I had the honor to send out a short time since requesting an expression of opinion in regard to the expediency of holding an interstate convention during the coming summer to consider the extent and wants of our agricultural interests; to inquire what legislation, state or national, is needed, and generally to inaugurate such measures as may be deemed expedient and calculated to advance the farmers' interests and promote the general prosperity of the several states that may be represented.

In reply to that inquiry there was an almost unanimous expression of opinion in favor of calling such a convention, and also in favor of a preliminary conference to consider the time and place of its assembling and other matters of detail connected therewith.

The subject developing upon me is a thorough discussion first, as to the necessity for such a convention. If you will determine that it is expedient, then you will proceed to determine the best time and place for holding the convention. It is obvious to me, also, to indicate the general basis of representation, and such details of preparation as in your judgment will be calculated to secure prompt attendance, and a successful and profitable convention.

In view of the stringency of the times I would suggest the feasibility of an arrangement, as less expensive than hotel accommodation, and affording the delegates more ease and less distracting competition for the valuable time, which should be devoted to the discussion of the matters which will come before them.

It is not necessary for me to discuss, at this time, the condition of our agriculture. It will be admitted by all that our farmers, as a class, are not in a prosperous condition. If they are not, it is not just to justify that they do not receive an equitable share in the division of the aggregate annual increase of wealth and comfort. It is not for me to discuss the truth of the proposition that without saying, nor to attempt to apportion the blame for this condition of things where it properly belongs. I present. A grand meeting will be held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, on the 10th day of August next, to consider matters affecting their interests, and that the same cannot be bettered by any other means. The convention by delegates to be appointed by the government and commissioners of agriculture of each state, and delegates from each of the counties in said states.

On invitation of the conference, Colonel D. P. Duncan, of South Carolina, addressed the conference, giving the outline and general features of a proposed agricultural encampment, to be permanently located at Spartanburg, S. C. The conference listened with attention, and before the adjournment the following resolution offered by Hon. L. F. Livingston, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this conference greets with pleasure the resolution of the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, to meet in the city of Atlanta, Ga., on the 10th day of August next, to consider matters affecting their interests, and that the same cannot be bettered by any other means. The convention by delegates to be appointed by the government and commissioners of agriculture of each state, and delegates from each of the counties in said states.

Resolved, That a committee to consist of one member from each of the states named in the resolution already adopted be appointed by the president of this conference, after consultation with the commissioners of state of said states, whose duty it shall be to prepare a thorough and well-considered report upon the condition of agriculture in the cotton states, the causes of the depression, and the remedies, with a proper programme as a guide to the more satisfactory deliberations of the said interstate convention.

On motion of Captain John A. Cobb, the president of the conference was authorized to appoint an executive committee of five, of which the president shall be the chairman, and the commissioner of agriculture and the president of the state agricultural society, two of the members, whose duty it shall be to conduct such correspondence and make such arrangements as may be necessary to secure the success of the convention, and to report to the convention the result of their efforts.

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Miss Cora Van Tassel in Hazle Kirke. The above play drew well at DeGiv's last night, and all present seemed well pleased with its rendition. The Cora Van Tassel company today close a successful week's engagement here. They have acquitted themselves creditably in each night's performance. Miss Van Tassel is a most accomplished actress. A grand meeting will be held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, on the 10th day of August next, to consider matters affecting their interests, and that the same cannot be bettered by any other means. The convention by delegates to be appointed by the government and commissioners of agriculture of each state, and delegates from each of the counties in said states.

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